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HOUSTON INTER-FAITH HOUSING CORP.

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Any help Mickey

can give — low interest

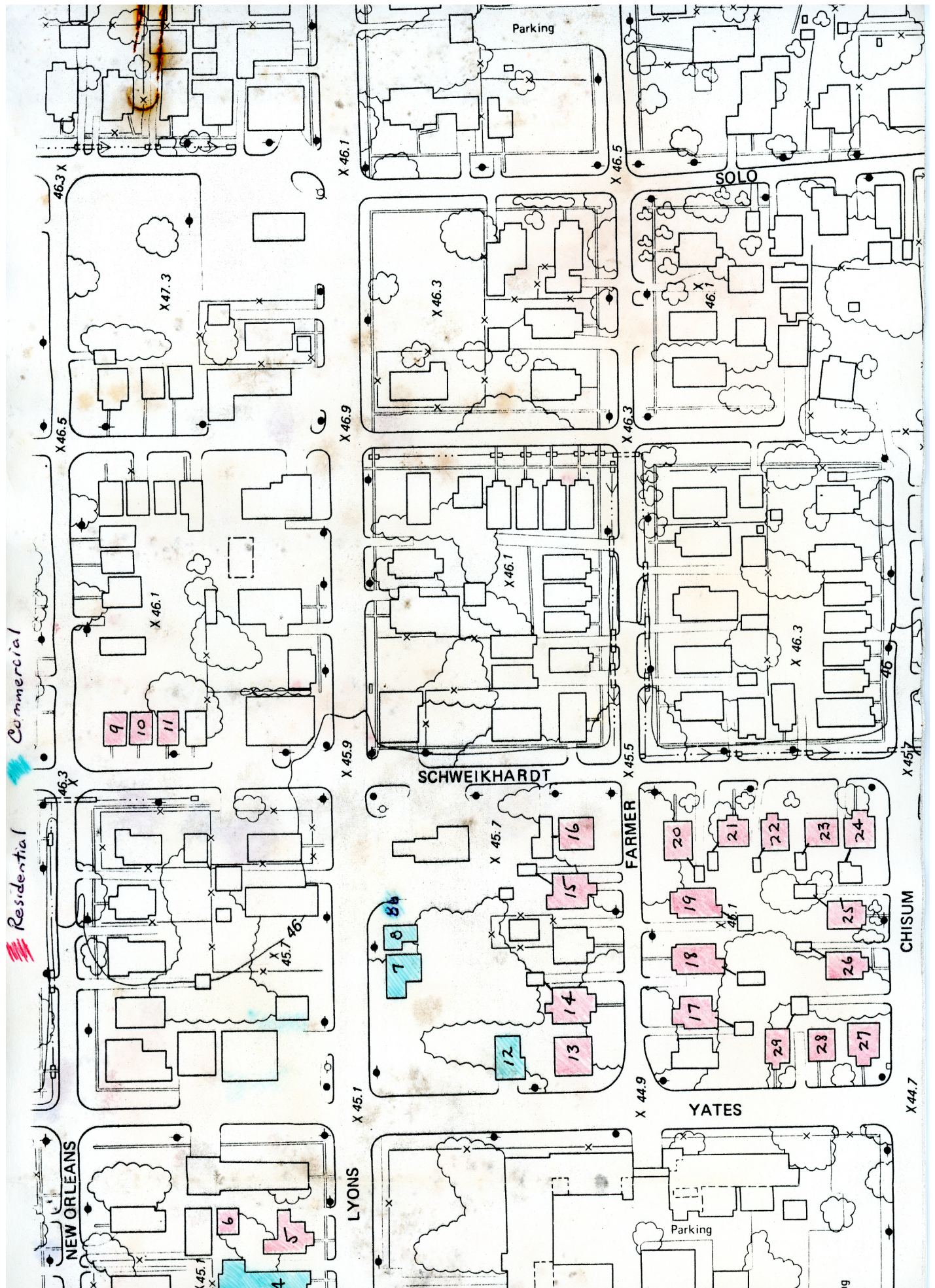
loan sources — govt

mtg insurance — etc.

would be appreciated!

Pam York

3/28/85



HOUSTON INTER-FAITH HOUSING CORPORATION

December 10, 1984

HOUSTON INTER-FAITH HOUSING CORPORATION

The purposes for which the corporation is organized, as stated in its Articles of Incorporation, are:

"To conduct and carry on the work of the corporation not for profit but exclusively for purely public, charitable, religious, social, and educational purposes, including but not by way of limitation the development of low cost housing, and the incorporation therein of social, educational and mutual aid programs which will promote the economic self-sufficiency of the poor and will result in the ultimate ownership of such housing by the poor and low income families in their own right.

"Subject always to the provisions of the preceding paragraph of the Article IV to undertake, promote, develop, and carry on public, charitable, religious, social and educational activities, to buy, rent, lease, sublease and in any other manner to acquire, use, and dispose of real, and personal property suitable for use as housing and other aids for the poor; and to promote, establish, maintain and assist programs of any kind designed to raise the cultural and family life standards of persons of low and average incomes."

The work of Houston Inter-Faith throughout its eighteen years of operation reflects this stated interest in seeing that people, regardless of income, occupy fit and livable housing within their ability to pay.

HOUSTON INTER-FAITH HOUSING: HISTORY AND OPERATIONS

Houston Inter-Faith, organized by leaders of the Jewish, Catholic and Protestant communities, was chartered by the State of Texas in 1966. Quoting from the 9/29/67 issue of the Texas Catholic Herald, "the group -- Catholic, Jewish and Protestant -- wanted to make a response to the needs of fellow citizens in Houston and Harris County, who, because of their economic situation, are presently living in substandard housing and who are unable by their own efforts alone to achieve the decent housing which is basic and necessary to the attainment of stable, useful and productive life."

Houston Inter-Faith's first property acquisition came in 1967 through assumption of an FHA loan following foreclosure on a 30 unit garden-type apartment project in Houston's Fifth Ward. Through a bank loan granted on the personal guarantees of Board members the project was transformed from "a poorly maintained piece of property (where) the plumbing often leaked, broken windows seldom were replaced and grass and weeds grew high" to a well maintained attractive facility for low income elderly who qualify for Section 8 certification. Both the rehab construction loan and mortgage on this property have been retired. For the 17 years of HIF ownership the residents have been provided quality housing, social services and private bus transportation for their medical and shopping needs.

HIF's second acquisition, Pleasant Village, is a 144 unit garden-type apartment complex located on Houston's East side, off McCarty Road, south of Interstate 10 East. The